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SUBJ: CHONA'S QUESTIONS ON OWEN VISIT

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1. I HAD A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH CONA THURSDAY
MORNING ON OWEN VISIT, OIL COMPANIES SUIT, AND ZAIRE
SITUATION. LATTER TWO WILL BE COVERED IN OTHER TELEGRAMS.

2. CHONA BEGAN THE DISCUSSIONH
ZY SAYING HE WAS ENCOURAGED
THAT ZAMBIA AND THE U.S. WERE AT LAST IN FULL AGREEMENT ON
A WIDE NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. HE WAS PLEASED BY THIS IDENTITY
OF INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AS CLOSE FRIENDS I
SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS FULLY WITH HIM THE DETAILS OF THE
LATEST BRITISH PROPOSAL.

3. I REVIEWED OUR POSITION ON THE OWEN MISSION AS CONTAINED
IN EARLIER TELEGRAMS AS WELL AS MAKING THE POINTS IN REFTEL (B).
CHONA IMMEDIATELY ASKED FOR DETAILS OF THE OWEN PROPOSAL. HE
WAS NOT AT ALL SATISFIED BY MY COMMENT THAT I WAS SURE HE
ALREADY WAS AWARE OF THEM (HE HAD HAD AN HOUR WITH THE BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER LAST NIGHT AND HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN IN CONTACT
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WITH NYERERE) AND THAT THIS WAS A BRITISH INITIATIVE IN WHICH
WE PLAYED A SUPPORTING ROLE.

3. CHONA PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS, STRESSING THE HIGH REGARD
IN WHICH PRES KAUNDA HOLDS PRES CARTER AND ZAMBIA'S SPECIAL
NEED TO HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSAL. SPECIAL NEED
AROSE FROM ZAMBIA'S POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN ENFORCING THE

TERMS OF ANY SETTLEMENT ARRIVED AT. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO STICK TO THE MARCH 1, 1978 INDEPENDENCE DATE AND HOPED THAT OWEN'S PROPOSAL WAS NOT A PLOY TO DELAY GRANTING INDEPENDENCE. I CONFINED MYSELF TO CONCURRING IN THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A 1978 DEADLINE.

4. CHONA MADE NO EFFORT TO DISGUISE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE CONVERSATION. HE MADE A POINT OF MENTIONING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS DESIRE TO HAVE FREE AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE USG OFFICIALS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE OWEN INITIATIVE.

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